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**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A
SUBCOMMITTEE CALLED THE JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PRISONS.**

**WHEREAS, for many years the corrections department and the
children, youth and families department have experienced
difficulty in forecasting and managing increases in adult
corrections and juvenile justice system populations; and**

**WHEREAS, the state's adult corrections and juvenile justice
facilities have experienced severe overcrowding over the past
several years; and**

**WHEREAS, the parole, probation and early release policies
and procedures of the corrections department have an impact on
prison discipline, management and overcrowding issues; and**

WHEREAS, appropriate medical and mental health facilities

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1 and services are important elements of fiscal planning and
2 population management with respect to both adult and juvenile
3 facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, the state has embarked on a major program of
5 construction and renovation of adult and juvenile facilities and
6 will need to plan for significant increases in corrections
7 department and children, youth and families department operating
8 budgets; and

9 WHEREAS, resolution of these issues will require review and
10 analysis of the laws and regulations applicable to, and
11 administered by, the corrections department and the children,
12 youth and families department; and

13 WHEREAS, oversight of the budgets, policies and procedures
14 of these departments is an element critical in the preparation
15 of appropriate recommendations for legislative, regulatory and
16 administrative improvements;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee be
19 requested to appoint a subcommittee called the joint house and
20 senate subcommittee on prisons; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint house and senate
22 subcommittee on prisons be requested to review all aspects of
23 corrections and children, youth and families department
24 operations, including parole, probation and early release
25 policies; the use of and costs associated with out-of-state

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1 transfers of adults and juveniles in the justice system; options
2 for renovating existing correctional and detention facilities;
3 and the level of programming provided to adults and juveniles in
4 the state's justice system; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint house and senate
6 subcommittee on prisons be requested to consult with other
7 legislative and executive organizations, including the criminal
8 and juvenile justice coordinating council; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint house and senate
10 prison subcommittee be requested to report its findings and
11 recommendations for the consideration of the second session of
12 the forty-third legislature; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the chairman and vice chairman of the legislative
15 finance committee.

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